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SCHEME

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1. SECRETARIAT (SIMANTOV AND VIATTE) INFORMED AG-
ATTACHE THAT SUBJECT WILL BE AN AGENDA ITEM AT COUNCIL
MEETING TUESDAY JULY 20.(SECRETARIAT WOULD HAVE PRE-
FERRED TO HANDLE THE GRANTING OF DEROGATION TO THE US
UNDER A SPEEDED-UP WRITTEN CONSENT PROCEDURE IN ORDER
TO AVOID BURDENING THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA DURING ITS LAST
PRE-VACATION MEETING; HOWEVER BELGIAN RESERVATION RE-
QUIRES PLACING SUBJECT ON AGENDA.)

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2. SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT BELGIAN AMBASSADOR

HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE INTERVENTION IN COUNCIL
ALONG THE LINES OF DEBOUVERIE INTERVENTION IN COM. FOR
AGR. (REFTEL A). THERE WOULD BE CRITICAL REFERENCES
TO US TRADE POLICIES IN GENERAL WITH A POSSIBLE MENTION
OF US DAIRY IMPORT POLICIES. IT IS NOT KNOWN
WHETHER BELGIAN DEL WILL END HIS INTERVENTION WAIVING
RESERVATION OR WHETHER HE WILL SUGGEST A CHANGED WORD-
ING FOR THE DEROGATION (REFTEL C).

3. IN LATTER CASE AND UNLESS CHAIR (SECRETARY-GENERAL)
EXPLAINS THE MATTER, US DEL WILL POINT OUT THAT A
CHANGED WORDING WOULD FIRST HAVE TO GO BEFORE THE COM.
FOR AGR. THAT COMMITTEE NOT MEETING UNTIL END
SEPTEMBER. THUS POSTPONEMENT OF A FAVORABLE COUNCIL
DECISION NOW WOULD BREAK CONTINUITY OF US PARTICIPATION
IN SCHEME. WE SHOULD PREFER TO AVOID SUCH A BREAK.

4. BELGIAN DEL IN COUNCIL MAY REPEAT FEAR, EXPRESSED
IN COM FOR AGR., THAT OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME
UNDER A PERMANENT DEROGATION MIGHT INVITE ADOPTION
BY US OF NTB'S AGAINST FRUIT AND VEGETABLE IMPORTS.
IN THAT CASE US DEL WILL STATE THAT THE PROPOSED PER-
MANENT DEROGATION VIEWED AGAINST THE PAST BI-
ENNUALLY RENEWABLE DEROGATION OR AGAINST NON-PARTICIPA-
TION CANNOT BE FORESEEN TO LEAD TO ANY CHANGES IN US
LAWS, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PRACTICES PERTAINING
TO THE IMPORTATION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES INTO THE
US.
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